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(U) San Diego – Maritime Human Smuggling Attempt Results In 15 Arrests

(U) US Customs and Border Protection (USBP) San Diego Sector arrested 15 people after a panga boat, made landfall on a San Diego beach, during the early morning of 18 May. The group consisted of 14 Mexican nationals and one Honduran national. The group were all detained and brought to local USBP stations for further processing.

SOURCE: 18 May 2020, [US CBP Press Release](#)

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(U) Texas – Thirteen People Found Inside Stash House Arrested

(U) Laredo – USBP and Zapata County Sheriff's Office requested canine assistance at a local residence, and upon searching the premises, found 13 individuals inside a home, all found to be in the US illegally. The 13 individuals were arrested by USBP and transported to the local USBP for further processing.

SOURCE: 18 May 2020, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) Minnesota – Lebanese National Pleads Guilty to Illegally Exporting Drone Components and Tech

(U) Minneapolis – A Lebanese man has pleaded guilty in federal court in Minnesota to conspiring to export drone parts and technology from the US to Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia in Lebanon. Usama Hamade, 55 acquired sophisticated technology for drones from 2009 to 2013 and illegally exported them to Hezbollah, which the US considers a terrorist organization. The Hamades were arrested in February 2018 in South Africa and were extradited to the US last fall.

SOURCE: 18 May 2020, [Associated Press](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Kidnapping and Extortion Scheme – 3 Abducted, 2 Killed

(U) Tijuana – An unsealed FBI affidavit provided details on three kidnappings committed during March 2020. A Tijuana based kidnapping ring was recently broken up and one kidnapping victim freed, while two other victims' bodies have been identified. The kidnappers targeted individuals visiting Tijuana, from Southern California, demanded money from the victim's family, and after receiving payment killed the victim.

SOURCE: 18 May 2020, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Mexico – Former Top Sinaloa Cartel Enforcer Killed

(U) Mexico City – A former top enforcer for the Sinaloa Cartel, who spent time in US prison, has been identified as one of three people found murdered in Sinaloa State, Mexico. The Sinaloa state prosecutors' office identified the dead man as José Rodrigo "A," giving only his last initial in line with Mexican law. But officials confirmed it was Jose Rodrigo Arechiga Gamboa, who built an exuberant and deadly reputation under his nickname, "El Chino Antrax." The bodies of Arechiga Gamboa, a woman

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believed to be his sister, and another man were found wrapped in blankets in a luxury SUV on the outskirts of Culiacan, the state capital. Relatives later identified the body.

SOURCE: 18 May 2020, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) Chile – Protests Turn Violent Over Food Shortage Concerns

(U) Santiago – Police and protesters clashed in Santiago amid a city-wide lockdown meant to stem the spread of the COVID-19 as local officials warned that food shortages had hit one of the poorest neighborhoods. A group of protesters threw rocks, shouted, and burned piles of wood along a street in a neighborhood on Santiago's southern fringe. Images on social media and local television showed police spraying tear gas and water cannons to disperse the growing crowd.

SOURCE: 18 May 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Boko Haram Attacks Nigerian Village Killing 20

(U) Maiduguri – Boko Haram terrorists stormed a village just as people were preparing to break their Ramadan fast after sundown, killing at least 20 and injuring 25. It was the first attack of its kind in northeastern Nigeria since the Muslim holy month began, authorities said yesterday. Witnesses said fighters carried out the attack in Gajigana, where they entered the opposite side of the village from where Nigerian soldiers were posted. "The shootings were sudden and intense; people began to flee in all directions," said Ba'an Bukar, a member of a local civilian defense group.

SOURCE: 18 May 2020, [Associated Press](#)

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